

## **E-Waste** <sup>[1]</sup>

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, almost 3.4 million tons of electronics were disposed of in 2014 and, of this amount, only 41 percent were collected for recycling. The rest ended up in landfills and incinerators. Recycling conserves resources and keeps toxic materials out of the landfill. Glass, plastic, and metals can be recycled and used again in other products. Many of the heavy metals can also be recycled and safely reused.

### Choose

- Send working electronics (including keyboards, mice, monitors, chargers, telephones, calculators, etc.) to surplus or see if another department can use them
- Send broken or non-functioning electronics to e-Stewards certified recycler

### Avoid

- Non-certified recyclers

End of Life

- Recycle

Environmental Labels

- e-Stewards

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